

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASSOCIATING A FIELD REPLACEABLE  
UNIT WITH A MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM AND RECORDING  
OPERATIONAL DATA

ABSTRACT

A method for associating a field replaceable unit with a medical diagnostic system includes querying for information on a field replaceable unit to be associated with a medical diagnostic system by sending a query to an electronic device associated with the field replaceable unit, receiving information on the field replaceable unit, and configuring the medical diagnostic system in accordance with the information. A corresponding apparatus includes a storage medium physically coupled to the field replaceable unit and a programmed digital processing circuit coupled to the storage medium. The storage medium contains identification information for a field replaceable unit. The processing circuit responds to requests for identification information from the medical diagnostic system.